

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FORECAST OF VINTAGE, 1938.

16,400,000 (15,026,502) Gallons, 9% increase.

The Government Statist intimates having obtained details of the present vintage from 45 Wineries whose output of wine represents 98% of the previous season's total production. From this source he estimates that the vintage for 1937-38 will approximate 16,400,000 Gallons of Wine for Beverage and Distillation, in comparison with 15,026,502 Gallons for the previous year, an increase of 1,373,498 Gallons or 9%. There were increases of approximately 366,000 gallons in beverage wine, and of 1,000,000 gallons in distillation wine. This estimated production is 250,000 gallons in excess of the previous record vintage of 1926-27.

The River Murray Districts are estimated to yield 5,000,000 (4,834,847) Gallons, an increase of 165,153 Gallons or 3½%.

5 YEARS' WINE STATISTICS.

Year	Wine Made			TOTAL galls.	Wine exported Overseas (Direct) galls.
	Beverage		Distil- lation galls.		
	Fortified galls.	Unfortified galls.			
1932-33	4,950,890	1,249,188	6,060,893	12,260,971	2,677,022
1933-34	4,441,605	942,876	4,647,531	10,032,012	2,577,660
1934-35	5,544,240	1,579,653	5,791,012	12,914,905	3,009,723
1935-36	6,521,650	1,223,972	5,277,965	13,023,587	3,427,516
1936-37	6,115,515	1,318,655	7,592,332	15,026,502	3,679,365
5 years' mean	5,514,780	1,262,869	5,873,947	12,651,596	3,074,257
Estimated 1937-38	5,600,000	2,200,000	8,600,000	16,400,000	3,316,168 (a)

(a) 11 months.

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